

MANY WARSHIPS ON BOTH SIDES LOST IN BATTLE

German Admiralty Names Five British Vessels of the First Class as Being Sunk in Great Naval Battle, Added to Which is One Small Cruiser and Several Torpedo Boats.

CLASH WAS KEPT UP ALL THROUGH NIGHT

Germans Admit Loss of Three Ships Names of Which Are Given, and Also Some Torpedo Boats But Assert the Engagement Was Favorable to Themselves

Berlin, by wireless, June 2.—The German admiralty announced to-day that the German high sea fleet on May 31 encountered a British fighting fleet, in which the engagement was favorable to the Germans. The battle continued all night.

It is announced that the large British battleship Warspite and the battle cruisers Queen Mary and Indefatigable and two armored cruisers were destroyed. It is also reported that a small British cruiser and a number of torpedo boat destroyers were sunk.

The admiralty statement also declared that the British battleship Marlborough was hit by a torpedo, this being confirmed by prisoners rescued. Several German ships rescued parts of the crews, including two men of the Indefatigable, who were the only survivors from that ship.

The small German cruiser Weisbaden was sunk by gunfire, and the Pommern was sent to the bottom by a torpedo. The fate of the Frauenlob is not known, and some torpedo boats did not return. The German high sea fleet, the statement adds, returned to port June 1.

FRENCH REGAINED SOME GROUND NEAR CAURETTE

Heavy Fighting During Night Resulted in Some Progress Against the Invasion—Heavy Artillery Engagement Between Thiaumont Farm and Vaux.

Paris, June 2.—In the course of heavy fighting on the Verdun front, which continued through the night, the French progressed slightly south of Caurette wood, the war office announced to-day. The struggle between Thiaumont farm and Vaux, east of the Meuse, was described as extremely violent. The artillery action on both sides was exceptionally heavy throughout yesterday and last night. Aside from the Verdun fighting the night passed quietly along the front.

Germans Penetrated First Line Trench. The official statement issued last night told of a slight German success between Fort Douaumont and Vaux pond. The communication was as follows:

"On the left bank of the Meuse there was an intermittent bombardment in the region of the Avoucourt wood and Le Mort Homme.

"On the right bank after a very violent artillery preparation the enemy attacked our positions from the Thiaumont farm as far as Vaux. After several fruitless assaults the enemy succeeded in penetrating our trenches of the first line between Fort Douaumont and Vaux pond. Everywhere else the German attacks were broken by the fire of our machine guns which caused heavy losses to the enemy.

"There was less artillery activity on the rest of the front."

Air Raid on Bar-le-Duc. Another official war communication issued last night said:

"This afternoon a group of German aeroplanes dropped several bombs on the open town of Bar-le-Duc. Eighteen of the civilian population were killed, of whom two were women and four children. Twenty-five persons were wounded, among whom were six women and 11 children.

"An aviatik, attacked by one of our aeroplanes, was compelled to land in our lines south of Berncourt in the region of Toul. The two enemy aviators were made prisoners."

KITCHENER CALLED TO FACE CRITICS OF WAR OFFICE

Those Who Demand More Vigorous Prosecution of the War Heckled the Secretary for War Behind Closed Doors.

London, June 2.—Earl Kitchener had to-day what was for him a unique experience of being heckled by parliamentary critics of the war office, complying with a promise made in his behalf in the House of Commons by Parliamentary Under Secretary for War Harold J. Tennant, in response to complaints from members that they had had no opportunity to question the secretary for war. The famous general went to the com-

IN NO HURRY TO MAKE REPLY

Administration Will Take a Week or More to Answer Carranza

THREATENING NOTE IS RESENTED

Pershing Said to Have Had Very Satisfactory Talk with Gen. Gavia

Washington, D. C., June 2.—A week or more will be taken by administration officials in replying to Carranza's note threatening war if the American troops are not withdrawn from Mexico, it was said to-day. President Wilson is away and no active preparations are being made to draw up an answer.

Army officers are looking for a report from General Pershing on his conference yesterday at Colonia Dublan with General Gavia when co-operation of troop movements was thought to have been described. General Pershing has described the meeting as very satisfactory.

General Funston reported to-day that 20,000 Carranza troops are mobilized near Chihuahua City, being disposed apparently for an active campaign against the bandits over territory extending for 500 miles from Madero to Ojinaga. He feels no uneasiness over the number. Secretary of War Baker reported, General Trevino, commanding the Chihuahua City forces, has ordered all foreigners to be treated with consideration.

During his discourse the speaker was given the closest of attention and the applause which followed the remarks foretold the appreciation of the class. Rev. Mr. Crossland was called on for a few remarks and a social hour then followed, this closing the evening's event.

BRANDEIS WINS FINAL VICTORY BY 47-22 VOTE

Boston Lawyer is the First Jew to Occupy Seat with United States Supreme Court—Vote of Senate Followed Nearly Party Lines.

Washington, D. C., June 2.—The nomination of Louis D. Brandeis of Boston to the supreme court to succeed the late Joseph Rucker Lamar, was confirmed by the Senate yesterday by a vote of 47 to 22. The vote, taken without debate, ended one of the bitterest contests ever waged against a presidential nominee. Mr. Brandeis will be the first Jew to occupy a seat on the supreme bench.

Only one Democrat, Senator Newlands, voted against confirmation. Three Republicans, Senators LaFollette, Norris and Poindexter, voted with the Democratic majority, and Senators Gronna and Clapp would have done so, but were paired with Senators Borah and Kenyon. The negative vote of Senator Newlands was a complete surprise to the Senate and the Nevada senator, recognizing that his action had aroused comment, later made public a formal explanation.

"I have a high admiration for Mr. Brandeis as a publicist and propagandist of distinction," said Senator Newlands. "I do not regard him as a man of judicial temperament, and for that reason I have voted against his confirmation."

Throughout the fight President Wilson stood firmly behind his nominee, never wavering even when it seemed certain that an unfavorable report would be returned by the Senate judiciary committee. Before the committee voted he wrote a letter to Chairman Culberson, strongly urging prompt and favorable action.

The nomination of Mr. Brandeis was sent to the Senate January 28. It was referred to the judiciary committee and immediately a flood of protests against confirmation and memorials in favor thereof began to pour in.

A sub-committee consisting of Senators Chilton, Fletcher, Walsh, Cummins and Works were appointed to report on the nomination. It adopted the unusual course of holding public hearings. Clifford Thorne, railroad commissioner of Iowa, was the first witness, protesting against confirmation on the ground that Mr. Brandeis had been guilty of unprofessional conduct in handling the five per cent advance before the interstate commerce commission. Sidney W. Winslow, president of the United Shoe Machinery company, testified that Mr. Brandeis had been guilty of unprofessional conduct in relation to his company, and shortly thereafter Austen G. Fox, a New York attorney, appeared before the committee as the representative of 55 citizens of Boston, headed by A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard, and took charge of the opposition. Then United States District Attorney G. W. Anderson of Boston, at the request of the committee, undertook direction of the case for those favoring confirmation.

In all 47 witnesses were heard and 1,500 pages of testimony taken. William H. Taft, Simon E. Baldwin, Francis Rawle, Joseph H. Choate, Elihu Root, Moorfield Storey and Peter W. Meldrim, all former presidents of the American Bar association, wrote protests to the committee against confirmation, and Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, and many others wrote in favor of confirmation.

TRANSFER AT SOUTH RYEGATE. Property of Ryegate Light & Power Co. Bought by Vermont P. U. Corporation.

South Ryegate, June 2.—The Ryegate Light & Power Co. changed hands Thursday, June 1, having been bought by the Vermont Public Utilities corporation, whose president is L. M. Frost of Rutland.

A meeting of the Barre R. F. C. will be held in the pavilion on Saturday, June 3, at 7:30 p. m. Every member is present. Business, picnic. Per order president.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sprague of Chelsea were visitors at his brother's, Dr. E. G. Sprague of Merchants street, to-day. John Sprague of Norwich university will accompany his father home this afternoon.

BANQUET WAS PLEASING.

Presbyterian Bible Class Observed Annual Custom Last Evening.

The annual banquet of the Presbyterian Bible class was held in the vestry of the church last evening when some 30 members sat down to one of the most delicious spreads yet served. The class banquet has come to be one of the most enjoyable social functions of the year and last night's affair was as successful as in past years. The banquet was prepared and served by the ladies' auxiliary and those who partook of the tasty dishes were loud in their praise for the work which the ladies so well accomplished.

At one end of the hall an officers' table had been assigned to the officers of the class and the guests of the evening, Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Blomfield of Bethany church, Montpelier. The following was the menu as served: Grape fruit, pickles, olives, chicken pie, vegetable salad, rice, potatoes, brown gravy, hot rolls, ice cream, assorted cake and coffee.

When the banqueting was over Miss Ruth Mine, president of the class, reviewed interestingly the history of the class, bringing out the pleasant occasions. She then introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Mr. Blomfield. His remarks were very interesting and contained points well worth heeding. The speaker divided his talk into three lines of thought. He impressed on his hearers the need of being able to live with people and people able to live with us, explaining how disagreeableness often arises from a man from civilization. Then he advised young people to have the quality known as stick-to-it-iveness, to be able to stick to a thing until it is done and done well. This he pointed out to be the reason for great men's success. His last thought had to do with idealism. There comes a time in everyone's life when he looks forward to some attainment, when he makes some resolve to do or do something. It is at this time we see our future and lay plans for a successful or for a useless life.

During his discourse the speaker was given the closest of attention and the applause which followed the remarks foretold the appreciation of the class. Rev. Mr. Crossland was called on for a few remarks and a social hour then followed, this closing the evening's event.

WOMAN'S BURNS FATAL. Mrs. V. V. Blackmer of New Haven Was Caught in Explosion.

New Haven, June 2.—Mrs. V. V. Blackmer, who on Tuesday morning was severely burned by the explosion of an alcohol stove, died at her home here early yesterday morning from burns received, her legs being burned to the waist and her arm to the elbow. She was 71 years of age and is survived by a husband, who is in feeble health, and one sister, Mrs. Martha V. Douglas, of Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Blackmer was a former Middlebury woman. The funeral will be held at her home Saturday afternoon and burial will be beside her first husband, D. W. Nash, in the New Haven Mills cemetery.

MONTEPIER. Shriners Are Gathering for Their Ceremonial.

The regular meeting of Mount Sinai temple is to be held at Montpelier this afternoon and evening and Shriners from throughout the state are expected to gather to greet illustrious Imperial Potentate J. Putnam Stevens. The shrine band will escort the distinguished guest from the hotel to the city hall and the band will also render a concert. A banquet will be held at 6 o'clock, followed by a ceremonial session.

Edward A. Harris of Melrose, Mass., has arrived in the city to assume his duties as officer manager of the Tenney company, successor of the late Walter Phillips. Mr. Harris has been officer manager at Malden for the past five years.

John Underhill, manager of the John H. Nelson Construction Co. of this city, which has the contract for the erection of the home for feeble-minded at Brandon, left this morning for that town to superintend the preliminary work.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ellen Mee, who died suddenly Tuesday night, was held at 9 o'clock this morning from St. Augustine's church. Rev. E. Long officiating. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

East and Mrs. Fred Gear and child of East State street have returned from a visit with relatives in Boston.

Miss Doris Farrar, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Waldo H. Farrar of College street, having been called to the city by the death of Mrs. Arabella Holden, returned this morning to her home in Boston.

Robert Fisher of Burlington, who has been visiting his wife, who is recovering from an operation performed last winter, left this morning for Randolph on business.

Rollo G. Reynolds of the educational department left to-day for New York City, where he will meet Mrs. Reynolds, who has been making a two months' visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. George W. Leland left last evening for Banff, Alberta, Canada, where he will make an indefinite visit with relatives.

Paul Gates, son of Gov. C. W. Gates, was a visitor in the city to-day on his way home from Northfield, where he took examinations yesterday for a lieutenancy in the Vermont National Guard.

In probate court this forenoon the will of Phineas Mayville, sometimes known as Mayville, late of Barre, was proven and Earle R. Davis of Barre was appointed executor.

John McDonald, former member of the police force, who was severely injured several weeks ago at Fitchburg, Mass., while employed as a brakeman on the Boston & Maine railroad, arrived in the city this forenoon to visit his parents.

The accident was caused by cinders getting into his eyes so that he failed to notice a bridge and was consequently knocked from the top of the train.

Thomas Smith and George Theron, two foreigners, it is alleged, engaged in a fist fight in the Central Vermont railroad yard on Memorial day, pleaded guilty in city court last evening to charges of breach of the peace. Each bore a mark of the fight in the shape of a black eye and they told the court that only once damaged were themselves.

John Sprague of Norwich university will accompany his father home this afternoon.

CLOUDBURSTS CAUSE WRECKS

C. R. & P. R. R. Passenger Train Was Ditched at Packard, Iowa

WABASH R. R. FLYER AT SAUNEMIN, ILL.

In Latter Wreck a Number of Persons Were Injured, One Fatally

Waterloo, Iowa, June 2.—A north-bound passenger train, No. 19, on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, was wrecked at Packard, Iowa, five miles north of here early this morning. The train ran into a washout resulting from a miniature cloudburst last night. According to officials of the railroad, no one was killed but several were injured.

Chicago, June 2.—A tornado near Saunemin, Illinois, early this morning caused the derailment of the Chicago & North Western passenger train, No. 1, at Saunemin, Illinois, early this morning, injuring a number of persons, one of whom was said to be fatally hurt.

53 TO GRADUATE FROM SPAULDING

Commencement Exercises To Be Held Next Week—Will Open With Prize Speaking Contest Tuesday Evening—Other Events of the Week.

The commencement exercises at Spaulding high school will be held next week, and the various events will be held as follows:

Prize speaking contest, Barre opera house, Tuesday evening, June 6.

Alumni concert and ball, Spaulding assembly hall, Wednesday evening, June 7.

Class day, opera house, Thursday afternoon, June 8.

Alumni banquet, Hotel Barre, Thursday evening, June 8.

Graduation exercises, opera house, Friday evening, June 9.

The program for the prize speaking contest was announced to-day as follows:

"The Parson's Conversion".....Murray Charles Ralph Oliver

"The Little Gentleman".....Tarkenton

"A Call to Individual Responsibility".....Wade Alexander Allen Mortimer

"The Recompense".....Donnell Marion Winifred Anker

"The Man in the Shadow".....Childs Eldon W. Wainwright

"Captain January's Star".....Richards Margarette Currier

"By Courier".....Porter Richard Wainwright

"The Heart of Old Hickory".....Dromgole Georgia Macaulay

"Russia and the Jews".....Stafford Deane Chandler Davis

"The Bear Story".....Riley

Music will be furnished by the high school glee club.

Principal Jackson of the high school announced to-day that the improvement prize had been awarded to Leonard Palas of Barre Town. This award is made for growth in scholarship, taking into consideration the school preparation before high school entrance, and also for matriculation. During Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week examinations are to be held in the high school. The graduating class numbers 53 young men and young women.

TALK OF THE TOWN

John P. Corcoran of Short street has resumed his duties in the postoffice, after passing several days in Swanton, Enosburg Falls and St. Albans, having attended the annual meeting of the state postal clerks in the latter place Memorial day.

ANOTHER TALE OF LOW FINANCES BY B. & M. T. & P. CO.

General Manager Sands Told Barre City Council That His Company Is Not Able to Pay Proportionate Share of Proposed Street Paving Job and Would Protest Assessment for Bridge Construction.

The city council, in the favorite indoor pastime of bringing the integrity traction people to book, indulged in its perennial specialty at city hall Thursday afternoon when General Manager H. S. Sands of Boston and the B. & M. T. & P. Co.'s local superintendent, H. D. Larabee, were called in for a conference. Bringing the traction company to book invariably involves a cry of poverty on the part of the trolley officials and yesterday's get-together was no exception to the time-honored rule. Messrs. Sands and Larabee (the former did most of the talking), merely showed the city fathers the lining of their pockets and then, for all it mattered to them, the conference might have ended. It didn't, because the council hasn't acquired such a careless habit of adjourning without an inning or two of discussion.

Briefly, Mr. Sands explained that an empty exchequer could not be expected to count as a factor in a paving project such as is planned for South Main street this summer. Much less could the council expect any pecuniary aid from a company that has outstanding obligations of something like \$150,000 that it cannot meet. The general manager stated straight out that the company realized that its failure to participate in the paving project will abrogate the franchise agreement made when the road was built. He expressed his regrets that the hour had struck when the franchise must be violated, but offered no alternative.

He did go as far as to suggest that a 10-cent fare between cities, a twenty-minute service from 11 o'clock a. m. until 8 p. m., with a forty-minute service at other times might have a tendency to restore the road to popular favor and put the company in a position to liquidate a part, at least, of its indebtedness. When asked by Alderman Healy if he could guarantee a payment on the paving contract if the company was permitted to adopt the suggested schedule, Mr. Sands replied in the negative. Alderman Healy then proposed that the city, so far as the franchise will authorize, permit the company to operate cars on any schedule deemed feasible for a year. At this juncture it was intimated that the company had followed its own preference in that matter for more than a year.

In closing, Mr. Sands quoted figures showing that cars over the interurban line last year averaged eight passengers per trip. He concluded that, so long as the company is without funds and has no credit, the city must follow the dictate of its best judgment in acting.

Alderman Glysson stated the proposition, as it appeared to the council, in a few words by declaring that one of two courses must be pursued, that the franchise must be revoked or the paving project must be abandoned. Mr. Sands had stated previously that the company does not question the council's right to revoke the franchise should the company fail to pay its share of the paving bill, but intimated that any attempt to charge for bridge building would be taken up with the public service commission.

Alderman Bruce questioned the officials at length and then they departed. Several questions were expressed as to whether the B. & M. T. & P. Co. is anxious to have the road go into the hands of a receiver.

Alderman Reynolds, near the close of the meeting, suggested that adverse action on the bonding proposition at the special city meeting next week might act as an stopper on further strictures on the traction company. Before adjournment the street committee and city attorney were instructed to inquire into the legal procedure that must be followed in dealing with the traction company.

109TH ANNUAL MEETING

Of Central Baptist Association Meets with Barre Church June 6-8.

The 109th annual meeting of the Vermont Central Baptist association will be held with the Barre church June 6 to 8.

The first session will open at 7:30 Tuesday evening, with the following program: Prayer and praise, Rev. J. C. Mitchell; 7:45, organization of association, appointment of committees; words of welcome, pastor of entertaining church; response, Rev. I. H. Benedict; music; 8, address, Rev. P. H. J. Lerrigo, M. D.; 8:30, address, "Slaying the Lion," Rev. F. A. Agar; discussion.

Wednesday morning—8:30, prayer and praise, Rev. F. I. Sargent; 8:45, church efficiency conference, "Making Good the Local Church," Rev. F. A. Agar; 10, church letters and business; 11, annual sermon, "The Church Symbolized by a Ship," Rev. D. D. Johnson; 11:45, devotion to new pastor, Rev. W. A. Davison, D. D.; publication society, Frederick E. Pinkham; 12, dinner.

Wednesday afternoon—1:30, prayer and praise, Rev. W. H. Bishop; 1:45, address, "Echoes of the Northern Baptist Convention," Rev. W. A. Davison, D. D.; 2:45, address, "The Education of the Negro Girl," Rev. G. W. Rigler; 4:15, address, "Junior and Sunday School Work in Relation to Missions," Mrs. Frank Carter.

Wednesday evening, young people's session—7:30, prayer and praise, Rev. E. Sealover; 7:45, business and reports; music; 8:15, address, "Youth," Rev. George D. Gould, D. D.; 8:45, address, Rev. Joseph Piani.

Thursday morning, Sunday school session—8:30, prayer and praise, Rev. N. C. Edwall; 8:45, three 20-minute talks—(a) "The Word in the Bible School," Rev. S. K. Meek; (b) "The Work of the Bible School," Rev. J. H. Thompson; (c) "The Worker in the Bible School," Rev. B. J. Lehigh; 10, address, "Training Leaders," Rev. Charles A. Boyd; business; closing worship, Rev. Charles A. Boyd.

There will be a regular meeting of the B. C. I. F. A. local 241, Friday at 7:15 p. m. Don't forget to register. Per order Rev. See.

ENTHUSIASM DOMINATED

At Annual Meeting of Washington County Farm Bureau in Barre

LARGE GATHERING OF MEMBERS

Mark Moody of Waterville Was Elected for Enthusiasm of Year

Seventy-five farmers, representative of the agricultural interests of all Washington county, came together in Howland hall Thursday afternoon for the first annual meeting of the farm bureau, the thriving county organization which had its inception in Barre last February. If the attendance and the interest manifested in the proceedings may be taken as an earnest of what is in store for the bureau, its future as an agency of unlimited possibilities for the farming interests of the county is well assured. The meeting was called to order shortly before 2 o'clock by F. C. Bancroft of Barre town, and a number of important matters were discussed before the election of officers took place.

The report of Fortis H. Abbott, the county adviser, covered the bureau operations since April 1 and constituted an illuminating resume of what has been accomplished in two months. Mr. Abbott also took occasion to outline some of the plans projected for the future and sought to impress upon the members of the bureau the importance of working together for a common end. The membership roster is growing daily and it is predicted that before the summer is over, the influence of the bureau will be felt in the remotest corner of the county.

On a motion from the floor the rules of the meeting were suspended for a few moments to permit James B. Ester, a Montpelier man, to speak. Mr. Ester said he was the president of the Montpelier Board of Trade and bespoke for the bureau the hearty co-operation of that organization. His talk contained suggestions as to how the bureau might benefit by relying upon the Board of Trade at the capital for support and assistance in various ways. A second motion from the floor empowered the executive committee to add to the committee on marketing and buying to the list of standing committees compiled when the bureau was organized. Informal talks featured an interesting open forum preceding the election of officers and many apt suggestions were noted for future reference. Uppermost in the minds of those who spoke, it seemed, was the belief that the county bureau is here to stay and that it has an important part to play in working out the agricultural destinies of the towns comprising the county.

Complete harmony prevailed when the time came for selecting officers to serve in 1916-1917 and the following slate was ratified: President, Mark Moody of Waterville; vice-president, C. A. Badger of East Montpelier; secretary and treasurer, Frank G. Howland of Barre; executive committee, president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer ex-officio, F. C. Bancroft of Barre town, W. I. Abbott of Cabot, D. R. Blaisde of Waitsfield, B. A. Denny of Northfield and H. J. Dodge of Berlin.

Advisory council: Philip Shonola of Duxbury, Carroll Lamb of East Calais, B. E. Sanders of West Calais, G. M. Jones of Waitsfield, George Rummy of Middlesex, Wesley Childs of Middlesex, Fred Strong of East Montpelier, Lewis Coburn of East Montpelier, M. J. Corliss of Berlin, Ira Buck of West Berlin, Dean Town of Plainfield, C. M. Edson of Plainfield, H. M. Farnham of Montpelier, C. W. Parsons of Barre town, F. R. Northrup of Barre town, Dr. W. L. Wasson of Waterville, Carroll C. Robinson of Waterville Center, M. R. Childs of Moretown, George Sleeper of Moretown, Dan McLaughlin of Fayston, Sam Strang of North Fayston, C. M. Ladd of Worcester, E. C. Heath of Warren, E. M. Turner of Warren, W. F. Shepard of Barre, Northfield, Woodbury and Marshfield council members are to be named later. Adjournment was taken around 5 o'clock, subject to the call of the president.

ONCE LIVED IN BARRE.

James Bardelli Died in Hardwick at Age of 50.

James Bardelli, a former resident of Barre, died early this week in Hardwick after a short illness with pneumonia. The funeral is to be held at Hardwick Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Bardelli was born in Bernate, Italy, in 1866 and was, therefore, 50 years of age. He served three years in the Italian army and then came to the United States, first locating in Hallowell, Me. Then he came to Barre and later went to Hardwick, where he was engaged as a granite carver. He leaves his wife, Rosa, and three children, namely, Mrs. L. Zecchinelli, Eva and Dorothy Bardelli; also the following brother and sisters: Mrs. O. Grani, Mrs. G. Miani, Edward Bardelli of Barre, Mrs. F. Comoli of Milford, N. H., Mrs. M. Visconti of Chicago and Mrs. M. Ambrosini of Hardwick. Ambrogio Bardelli who died in Barre on May 23 was a brother.

In the fighting around Verdun recently Charles Fanni, formerly of Barre, was seriously wounded and is now convalescing in a military hospital back of the French lines, according to a letter received yesterday by his mother, Mrs. Mary Fanni of Blackwell street. Mr. Fanni left Barre for France last fall after deciding that the country of his nativity needed his services. Soon after arriving in France he enlisted and after a period in the training camp he entered active service. Although the letter received by Mrs. Fanni does not contain a detailed statement of the young man's condition, it is not thought that it is critical.